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Mung bean accounted for 40 percent of the total exports, followed by Matpe 30 percent and Toor Whole (Pigeon pea) 26 percent. India remained the largest buyer in February, accounting for 70 percent of the total exports.

Trade sources reported that 1,700 mt of Matpe raw, 6,200 mt of Matpe ready cargo and 1,450 mt of Matpe special quality ready cargo, 3,100 mt of Mung bean, 600 mt of Mung bean ready cargo and 3,950 mt of Toor whole were traded at the Bayint Naung Market in Rangoon, the largest wholesale market in Burma, in February.

Beans and Pulses Exports by Types and Destination in February 2010 (MT)

	Butter	Matpe	Mung	Toor Whole	Other	Total
Australia					24	24
Africa					23	23
Bahrain			48			48
Belgium		192			89	
China			192			192
Czech Republic					45	45
Egypt					192	192
Germany					23	23
India		28,811	28,012	29,260	1,866	87,949
Iran					24	24
Indonesia			195			195
Japan	248	227				475
Korea					24	24
Kuwait			22		24	46
Kenya		24				24
Malaysia	24	215	166			405
Mauritius			24			24
Netherland			97			97
Pakistan	837				288	1,125
Philippines		3,611			24	3,635
Russia					96	96
Singapore		263	1,079	980	24	2,346
SriLanka		24	192			216
Saudi Arabia			24		142	166
Thailand		496	240	48	84	868
Taiwan			24		44	68
UAE		1,144	1,150	2,151	432	4,877
UK		48	504	50	120	722
Vietnam		144	1,085			1,229
Border trade		3,114	17,156			20,270
Total	1,109	38,313	50,210	32,489	3,588	125,428
Other category includes kidney, bamboo, black eye, sultani, gram, chickpea and						

Beans and Pulses Exports (MT)

	2009	2010
January	192,619	64,576
February	169,236	125,428
March	206,703	
April	82,743	
May	74,501	
June	321,187	
July	118,805	
August	70,334	
September	63,216	
October	116,089	
November	70,899	
December	49,867	
TOTAL	1,536,199	190,004

Export prospects

New crop supplies, especially Matpe, Mung bean and Toor whole, have steadily entered the Bayint Naung wholesale market. Mung bean trading activities were active following increased export demand. Active export demand failed to buoy Toor whole trading activities due to strong domestic prices. Trade sources estimate that about 15,000 metric tons of Matpe old crop supplies were being held as stocks in the country.

Trade sources reported a good outlook of Matpe and Mung bean production for MY 2010/11 mainly because farmers have reacted to favorable prices in 2009 by increasing their bean acreage at the expense of sugar cane area.